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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE
(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER		
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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)		
10/543,141		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	EARLIEST PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/JP04/00642	January 26, 2004	January 24, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION		
ALUMINUM MATERIAL HAVING AIN REGION ON THE SURFACE THEREOF AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information by **Express Mail**:

- ☐ 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 37 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☐ 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☐ 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - ☐ a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

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- ____ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
- ____ a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- ____ b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
- ____ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- ____ d. have not been made and will not be made.
- ____ 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- X 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- ____ 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- ____ 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- ____ 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- X 13. A preliminary amendment. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. The "Amendments to the Claims" section adds 3 additional pages to the application, bringing the total number of pages to 29.
- ____ 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- ____ 15. A substitute specification.
- ____ 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ____ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 – 1.825 is transmitted herewith in printed and computer-readable formats. The paper and computer-readable copies of the sequence listing are the same and do not contain new matter. Entry of the sequence listing into the application is requested. The paper copy comprises ____ additional pages.
- ____ 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ____ 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- X 20. Other items or information: Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements

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The following fees are submitted:.				CALCULATIONS	
21. _____ a) Basic national fee..... \$300				\$	
22. _____ b) Examination fee If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0.00 All other situations..... \$200.00				\$	
23. _____ c) Search fee If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0.00 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400.00 All other situations..... \$500.00				\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =					
_____ Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
29- 100 =	0/50=	0	x \$250	\$	
Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$130	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	25- 20 =	5	x \$50	\$250	
Independent claims	3- 3 =	0	x \$200	\$0	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$0	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$380	
_____ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$380	
Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$380	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property.				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$380	

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- X a. Check No. 170213 in the amount of \$380 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- X c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

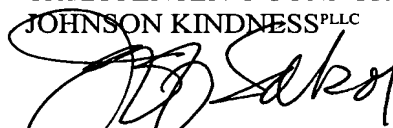
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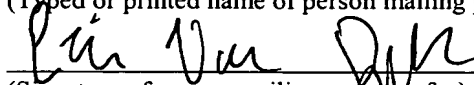
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/22/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/22/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/22/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/22/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/22/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 07/22/2005

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$360** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$490** for a Large Entity:

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- \$130 Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 360
 - \$360 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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